

**Village of North Hudson
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Minutes

Call to order; Invocation; roll call

President Stan Wekkin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Invocation read by Wekkin. Answering the call were Trustees Head, Nelson, O'Brien-Berglund, Standafer, and Zappa. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed. Also in attendance were the Village Attorney, Tom Schumacher on behalf of Terry Dunst; Village Engineer, Kevin Oium; Police Chief, Mark Richert; Public Works Director, Mark Ekblad; Village Administrator, Gloria Troester; and Village Clerk, Melissa Luedke.

Approval of the minutes: Regular Board meeting of March 3, 2015

Motion (O'Brien-Berglund/Zappa) to approve the Regular Board minutes of March 3, 2015. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Teresa Richie at 306 Lakeview Drive N. was present. She stated that Xcel Energy came last year to do some work on their street and has not returned to do the restoration as of yet. Wekkin stated that this will be looked into.

Appointment of Trustee to fill Vacant Position

President's recommendation of Bryan Pike: Wekkin thanked Rodrick Anderson for his service as Village Trustee and stated that he has resigned due to family and work conflicts. Wekkin has recommended Bryan Pike to fill the vacant position.

Motion (Wekkin/Zappa) to approve the nomination to appoint Bryan Pike as Village Trustee. Motion carried.

Oath of Office by Village Clerk: Luedke administered the Oath of Office to Bryan Pike.

Amended Class "B"/"Class B" Liquor License for extended premises: Mallalieu Inn Spring Motorcycle Run-April 11, 2015.

Motion (Zappa/O'Brien-Berglund) that the Class "B"/"Class B" Retail License for the sale of Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Mallalieu Inn be temporarily amended for an event taking place April 11, 2015 with the following conditions:

- 1) Possession of open containers of alcohol outside of the establishment shall remain within Mallalieu Inn parking lot and blocked off street area for event (Wisconsin St N from 3rd St N to 6th St N).
- 2) Use of outside area only with specific permission of Village Board for each particular date and event. The April 11, 2015 event to be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- 3) Three (3) North Hudson police officers and three (3) St. Croix County Deputies to be on duty during the hours of the event at the owner's expense,

to be billed to the owner by the Village. Having the additional officers on foot at the event will provide adequate visibility to deter unlawful activity.

- 4) Owner to provide adequate, satellite restroom facilities.
- 5) Wisconsin Street North, from 6th St N to 3rd St N, to be closed to thru traffic from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with an open corridor for emergency vehicles maintained (surrounding neighbors to be notified in advance by the Village). Actual times of detour route are at the discretion of the commanding NHPD officer on scene.
- 6) Payment for Village services must be paid within thirty (30) days after the event.

Motion carried.

Set date for Re-Org meeting

Motion (Wekkin/Zappa) to approve the re-org meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-02, Opposing County Assessment Proposal in the State Budget Bill

Motion (Wekkin/Standafar) to approve Resolution 2015-02, Opposing County Assessment Proposal in the State Budget Bill. Wekkin stated that there is a proposal to take the assessment process away from the municipalities and transfer the process to the County. Wekkin read Resolution 2015-02. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing-Special Assessments for Street and Utility Improvements along Pine Street North and Lakeview Drive North

Wekkin opened the public hearing at 7:17 pm.

James Dahlin at 1624 Namekagon St #13, owner the property at 314 Lakeview Dr N, was present. He stated he was told unimproved lots would not be assessed for water since they already have water hook-ups, however, the report shows he is being assessed for this. Oium gave a summary of the preliminary special assessment report. He stated that if it is a subdivided/buildable lot, service will be installed to those properties. Street re-construction will be 50/50 split between the Village and benefitting property owners. Along Pine Street N, curb and gutter will be at 100% to the benefitting property owners. Estimated total project numbers are in the report. The project has not gone out for bid as of yet. Oium stated that if existing water service is found on the unimproved lots, the water service will drop off the final assessment report. James Loeffler, at 902 Sally's Alley N, owner of the house at 813 Pine St N, was present and asked what the proposed change in depth of water service will be on Pine St N. Oium stated that the new main will be at a depth of eight (8) feet, the existing depth is not known at this point. The new service will also be looped which should help with any freezing issues. Ekblad stated that where the main ends now, it will be extended and there will be a continuous flow. Theresa Holmes was present and stated she lives at 813 Pine St N. She stated that the main line froze up last year. Ekblad stated the looping of the new system should help. Loeffler questioned if the driveway is torn up, will it be restored. Oium stated that whatever area is disturbed, will be replaced. Oium stated that if the numbers come in higher than what is in the preliminary report, another public hearing will be held. Betty Groth at 206 Lakeview Drive N was present. She asked if the new service will be eight (8) feet deep, what happens if the

existing service from the property line to the house is less than that. Oium stated there will be a connection from the main to tie into the existing service. There will be a full-time on-site inspector during the underground utility work and if there are areas that are real shallow or problem areas, they will bring it to the property owner's attention. The property owner could decide to have the lateral replaced at the owner's expense.

Wekkin closed the public hearing at 7:42 pm.

Motion (Zappa/O-Brien-Berglund) to accept the engineer's report and move ahead with the project. Motion carried.

New Business from the Board or staff

President's Remarks: Wekkin reminded residents to clean-up after their pets, especially in the parks. The Mutt Mitt dispensers and bags have been removed due to the cost and waste of bags, so residents will need to bring their own bags. Wekkin also reminded residents to be aware of bikes, pedestrians, and motorcycles. Wekkin stated that the project on 712 Pine Street N has moved along. Wekkin reminded residents that the Fire Department will be having a pancake breakfast and fundraiser on Sunday, April 19th, 2015 from 7:30 am-Noon. The Fire Department will be able to purchase new equipment with the funds that are raised.

Administrator's Remarks: Troester stated that the auditors have been here the last two days and everything went well. Troester stated that there has been a request from the Deputy Treasurer for the Village to consider looking at solar panels for the Village Hall to reduce energy costs.

Village Clerk's Remarks: Luedke reminded residents of the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015. The polls will be open from 7:00 am-8:00 pm. Luedke also reminded residents that if they move to a new address they must re-register. Voter ID will not be in effect for the Spring Election but will be in effect for future elections.

Plan Commission

Chair update: Wekkin stated Plan Commission did meet. There was continued discussion on the Conditional Use Permit for 303 5th Street N. The item was tabled again until the April Plan Commission meeting.

Personnel and Finance Committee recommendations

Claims - Review and recommendation: **Motion (Zappa/Head) to approve the December 2014 non-recurring claims of \$475.00 and March 2015 non-recurring claims of \$65,501.21 for claims totaling \$65,976.21. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

Purchase of tablet or other device for Village Trustees: **Motion (Wekkin/Zappa) to authorize Village Administrator to purchase seven iPad Air's for the Village Board of Trustees, to be used for Village business and returned at the end of their term of office, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. Cost of tablets will be expensed equally amongst the Public Works, Public Safety and General Government operating departments. Motion passed on a roll**

call vote of 7-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Standafer-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Pike-yes.

Amendment of the 2015 budget for the cost of house razing: **Motion (Wekkin/Zappa) to amend the Village of North Hudson's 2015 Annual Budget to cover cost of razing property located at 712 Pine Street N in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.** Wekkin stated that a municipality must amend its budget any time the amounts of appropriations stated in the budget or the purpose for which the money will be used are changed. **Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

Public Works Committee

Chair update: Head stated that Public Works did meet and there were two items forwarded to the Village Board for approval.

2015 Street Sweeping Contract: **Motion (Head/Standafer) to approve having Mike McPhillips, Inc. provide street sweeping services for the Village of North Hudson at a rate of \$90.00 per hour. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Standafer-yes, Wekkin-yes, Zappa-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Pike-yes.**

Purchase of Fire Hydrant/Watermain Flushing Equipment: **Motion (Head/O'Brien-Berglund) to purchase the Five Star Multi-Directional Hydrant Diffuser from Minnesota Pipe & Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Pike-yes, O'Brien-Berglund-yes, Zappa-yes, Wekkin-yes, Standafer-yes, Head-yes, Nelson-yes.**

Public Safety Committee

Chair update: Zappa stated that Public Safety did meet but there was not any items forwarded to the Board for approval. Zappa stated that signs for the 24 hour parking enforcement and new engine breaking ordinance have been installed at either end of town. Also, the Police Department won a \$4,000 grant for the purchase of new equipment.

Public Welfare

Chair update: Public Welfare did not meet.

Park Board

Chair update: Park Board did not meet.

Adjournment

Motion (Zappa/Wekkin) to adjourn. Wekkin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke
Village Clerk